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State Representative Jim Shapiro, Co-Chair State Senator Thomas A.Colapietro, Co-Chair General Law Committee Room 3500, Legislative Office Building Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Re: Opposition to HB5225 "An Act Concerning Solar Work"

February 26, 2010

Dear Representative Shapiro and Senator Colapietro

By way of introduction my name is Frank Sacramone Jr. and I serve Munger Construction in the capacity of General Counsel and Director of Business Development. Munger Construction is a design build commercial contracting firm with over 30 full time employees. Munger Construction has enjoyed a reputation of excellence in Connecticut for the entirety of its over 40 year history.

On behalf of Munger Construction I hereby voice the company's opposition to HB5225 "An Act Concerning Solar Work" with respect to the proposed changes in licensing. Under the current licensing structure Munger Construction, as a general contracting firm, has been able to add PV installations to its suite of offerings to customers. Interest from Munger Construction customers has been robust. Munger Construction has installed commercial PV systems on its building in Branford, Massey Glass in Branford and is about to begin an installation at North Haven Auto Body. Munger Construction has the ability to utilize its own highly skilled work force to perform the non-electrical portions of the installation such as roof modifications, rack mounting, hoisting and mounting the solar panels while at the same time engage its network of electrician subcontractors to address the electrical portions of the installation. This approach affords Munger Construction the ability to allocate skill and manpower resources to the appropriate phases of the installation and, importantly, arrive at pricing for the customer that reflects the benefit of this allocation. This coordinated approach in the field between the trades has resulted in high quality installations.

These solar installations have played an important role in Munger Construction's efforts to diversify in a manner that helped the company retain valued employees in this challenging economic environment. Munger Construction is hopeful that solar will continue to provide this critical diversification opportunity and an opportunity for the company to expand its work force in the future. HB5225 creates licensing requirements that would prevent Munger Construction to continue its efforts to diversify and offer PV installations to its customers. Passage of the Bill would greatly harm the business development plans of Munger Construction, significantly marginalize the two year investment Munger Construction has made in enhancing its infrastructure to offer solar and limit our ability to advance the cause of on-site generation of solar energy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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